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ILLEGAL MINING OF IRON ORE

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether illegal mining of iron ore is going on in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made regarding the total loss suffered due to such illegal mining;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of persons found guilty of such illegal mining of iron ore during each of the last three years, till date and the action taken against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b) Instances of illegal mining of iron ore have come to the notice of Government. 1 case each of illegal mining of iron ore has been reported in the State of Chattisgarh & Goa, 15 cases in Andhra Pradesh, 340 in Karnataka and 483 in Orissa since the year 2004-05 till date.

(c) to (e) The assessment of total loss suffered due to illegal mining of iron ore alone is not centrally maintained. However, as per available information, the total estimated value of minerals detected in illegal mining, including minor minerals, is Rs.97.39 crore. State Governments have detected 69003 cases of illegal mining for the period from July, 2005 to June, 2007. Out of detected cases, the State Governments have filed 12780 court cases and realized Rs.137.27 crores as fine/penalty.